

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Rigobert Leon Maria BOSMAN et al.

Group Art Unit: 1751

Application No.: 10/511,324

Examiner: A. KHAN

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCTION OF SEAT BELT WEBBING

APPLICANTS' INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Khan in the March 23, 2007 interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

As discussed during the interview, one of ordinary skill in the art would not have (1) dyed the filaments in a spun dyeing process as taught by JP 479, (2) weaved a seat belt webbing, and (3) then again dyed the woven seat belt with disperse dyes as taught by Marshall, as alleged by the Patent Office. See the Amendment filed March 9, 2007 for a more detailed explanation.

For example, as explained in March 9 Amendment, once a spun-dyed filament for a seat belt is produced, there is no reason to apply a second dyeing step at all, since the reason for dyeing, i.e., rendering a certain color to the filament, has already been accomplished. The addition of any other dyestuff would change the appearance of the obtained filament, which is not desirable. Even if it were desired to add an additional dyestuff, for example to achieve a

different color caused by the mixing of more than one dyestuff, then the second dyestuff would be applied during the spinning of the filament.

Thus, contrary to the Patent Office's allegations, one of ordinary skill in the art would not have combined the teachings of Marshall and JP 479 to achieve the method recited in the present claims.

In view of the foregoing and the Amendment filed on March 9, 2007, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-16 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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